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MEMORANDUM FOR: Vice Admiral Noel E. Gayler,
Director, National Security Agency

SUBJECT : Status Report on Development of CIRIS-71

At the request of the Director of Defense CIRIS Activities, a working group consisting of [REDACTED] Chairman of the Interagency CIRIS Committee, has been preparing the draft guidance and instructions for the Defense portion of CIRIS-71. This working group was formed following meetings of the Defense CIRIS working group on the planning for CIRIS-71 in DoD.

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Following the submission of the draft guidance and instructions back to the Director of Defense CIRIS Activities, the Defense CIRIS working group will review them and they will be submitted to DASDI for approval and forwarded to the Chairman of the Interagency CIRIS Committee. Upon approval by the Interagency CIRIS Committee they will be submitted to DASDI and disseminated to the Defense intelligence components involved.

Although the preparation of the draft Defense CIRIS guidance and instruction manual has been delayed because of the involvement of CIRIS personnel in the processing of CIRIS-70 inputs, it is expected that the current task on CIRIS-71 will be completed by 1 July.

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As Chairman of the Interagency CIRIS Committee I want to repeat what I reported to you at the last meeting of the NIRB; we are greatly indebted to the highly professional assistance that has been provided by your Task Force members, under the direction of [REDACTED] In considerable measure the results of our present working group's efforts reflect the experience of NSA. A significant part of your original proposal, as presented to the NIRB in concept early this year, has withstood careful examination and in our opinion appears to be sound and appropriate for application throughout the intelligence community.

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We all recognize the need to press on as rapidly as possible in order to incorporate the changes in the CIRIS-71 guidance and instructions.

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Chairman CIRIS Committee

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